

**Remarks:**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to claim embodiments described in the pending Application and shown in Figures 3-6. Independent Claim 49 is directed to a horizontal spool tree assembly with a production passageway above the tubing hanger in fluid communication with a lateral port through the spool body, and a tree cap positioned above the spool body production passageway for closing off flow through the spool body central bore. Dependent Claims 50-57 are directed to further features as shown in the drawing and discussed in the specification.

In view of the above, early allowance of the Application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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